

## **Open Space Committee** –minutes 12/11/2014

Present: Ann LeRoyer, David White, Joey Glushko, Jane Auger, Elizabeth Karpati, Leslie Mayer, Michele Hassler

Absent: Patsy Kraemer, Lisa Decker, Teresa Debenedictis

Guests: Elena Bartholomew (Park and Rec), Ralph Willmer

Call to order 7:40pm, in second floor conference room, Town Hall Annex

Minutes from 11-13-14 reviewed and accepted as amended

**Master Plan process** – well under way; ARB public hearing scheduled for Monday, Jan 12, 2015, 7:00pm, Town Hall

Leslie reported on meeting with Planning Director Carol Kowalski and Park and Rec Commission to discuss issues related to both the Master Plan and OSC plan, including maintenance of all open space and recreation assets, not just buildings – obstacles include lack of funding and manpower

**OSC Annual Report for 2014** needs to go to Town Manager by mid-January. Ann will circulate a rough draft to OSC members before submission

## **Open Space and Recreation Plan 2015-2022**

Chapter 2 Accomplishments: done

Chapter 3&4: Environmental history and inventory hasn't changed much; demographics and some other information being updated by Ralph/VHB and others

Chapter 5 Inventory/ Maps: Adam updating maps with minor corrections

Chapter 6 Community Goals: no changes since previous review in November

Chapter 7 Analysis of Needs: waiting for Park and Rec input (Leslie); David White working on wildlife inventory; reviewed language of Chapter 7; Ralph working on SCORP section

Chapter 8 Goals and Objectives: no major changes, but will add some language about environmental responsibility and climate change; will review input from Park and Rec for this chapter also

Chapter 9 Action Plan: checklist format of specific objectives needs a final review

Send corrections, additions, and comments to Ann before Christmas if possible

Need endorsement letter from Selectmen; also need letters from ARB, Disabilities, Park and Rec, Con Comm, MAPC

First we need a more finished draft of the entire plan to circulate to these groups in mid-late January.

**Other business –**

Mill Brook Linear Park - tabled

ACROSS Lexington trail system – tabled

Symmes new Friends Group – tabled

Arlington Land Trust Annual Meeting January 27, 7-9pm at Senior Center; Richard Duffy will speak about history of Symmes Hospital site.

**Next meeting** January 22, 2015

2015 dates:

February 26, March 26, April 23, May 28, June 25, July TBD, August TBD, September 24, October 22, November TBD, December TBD

Adjourned 8:45pm

Submitted by Jane Auger